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SEP 30 2011

Mr. Thomas Easterly
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Dear Mr. Easterly:

Thank you for your September 29, 2011 request to remove the "Added Costs to Industry and Agriculture" Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) in the Grand Calumet River Area of Concern (AOC), Lake County, Indiana. We very much share your desire to restore the health of all of the Great Lakes AOCs and to formally delist them.

Based upon a review of your submittal and the supporting data, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby approves your BUI removal request. Further, we will notify the International Joint Commission of this significant positive change in the environmental health of the Grand Calumet River AOC.

We congratulate all of the parties involved in this federal, state, and local partnership. Working together, they have achieved this important environmental improvement which will benefit the Great Lakes, the State of Indiana, and, especially, the people who work and live near the Grand Calumet River AOC. We look forward to continuing this important and productive relationship with your agency and local coordinating committees as we work together to fully restore the Grand Calumet River AOC.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (312) 353-4891 or your staff may contact John Perrecone, in EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office, at (312) 353-1149.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Korleski".

Chris Korleski, Director
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